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Parking committee members want clarification

Penny Coles
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A 15-year-old town committee has put on hold, and its members dismissed.

Unless, that is, they haven't been - there is some confusion amongst the seven volunteer members about their future on the town's parking committee.

The wording of a motion, which was approved following an in camera meeting of council and town staff last Monday, was clear, says committee co-chair Bill Auchterlonie, as was a letter received later in the week from Lord Mayor Pat Darte.

"We were on the committee at the invitation of the lord mayor, and we've been uninvited," he said.

Members have been given no other explanation other than what is said in the motion, he said.

The motion says: "That Council direct staff to put the Parking Committee on hold until staff have the opportunity to have a fresh look on a new Committee, along with a new Terms of Reference with certain items to deal with, example Charette, Transportation Master Plan."

The letter from Darte quotes the motion, and thanks them for their service on the committee.

Darte says the committee has been put on hold, and members who think they've been dismissed "might feel that way, but nothing has been set in stone. We may see new terms of reference, and members may or may not want to serve on that committee."

The letter did not indicate they'd been dismissed, he said.

"I think this has all been blown out of proportion."

It was necessary to take another look at the committee, to see if it was "on track, off track or if it was even the right track," but what will happen to the members "has not been made clear yet."

Thomson says the issue of the future role of committee members needs to be resolved.

There was tension and frustration at meetings throughout 2015 - a new $500,000 parking system hadn't worked well, and there was a feeling town staff hadn't done its due diligence before purchasing the new system and wasn't moving quickly to correct problems.

Thomson said she feels most of the meter problems have been resolved, but there was a feeling amonsgt committee members that money was wasted on meters that don't work the way they should - the new technology they were supposed to offer to make parking easier for visitors still isn't working.

The meters are really no better than the old-fashioned curbside ones the town used years ago, and the way the new system works today is very similar to the first pay and display machines that were recently replaced, she said.

The current committee was struck after last October's election, with most of the volunteers new to it.

Stan Harrington, a member from the days when he owned a business on Queen St., Thomson and Coun. Jim Collard, chair for the last 15 years, were the volunteers who had been part of the committee for many years.

Auchterlonie and Bottomley were new to it, and had replaced Collard as co-chairs at the first meeting on a motion by Thomson, who said she thought it was time that someone other than a town councillor head the committee.

Aucthterlonie says the idea of a parking charette came from a recent meeting of the current committee, and was one of 15 goals they had identified.

He said there continued to be some frustration of members because they'd asked for information from town staff, and hadn't received answers.

"All we were trying to do is address issues we were aware of to help make things better, for the town and the people who live here," he said.

But parking has been a contentious issue for years, he said, and his impression of the recent motion at council was 'to take the heat off and make complainers go away."

If town staff or councillors were not happy with the way the volunteers were approaching parking problems, or felt they'd veered off track, "why not talk to us first about what we were doing? This is not how I would like to see people treated. There are seven volunteers who have every right to feel they have not been justly dealt with."

Bottomley wonders whether a dissolution of the committee has been in the works for the last year.

Town staff recommended the parking committee be dissolved, along with some other committees of council following last fall's election, he said, and possibly the year's reprieve was only intended to be temporary.

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Volunteer members will continue to meet, without town support

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Along with Darte, Coun. Betty Disero who made the motion and Coun. Jim Collard, aren't saying the members have been dismissed.

Disero said the purpose of the motion was to put the committee on hold while staff look at new terms of reference. The committee has, for the last 15 years, concentrated on Old Town parking issues, and it's time to take a look at that and see if it's the right way to proceed for the future, she said.

Careful to clarify she's expressing her own opinion - councillors cannot talk about what was said in camera - she says she thinks the parking committee's mandate needs to be broadened.

"So much is happening," she says, referring to transportation master plans at the town and regional levels.

"We need a parking committee to have broader terms of reference, with a co-ordinated approach."

Much of the committee's work to date has been focused on downtown issues and parking meters, she said, "and I think we need to look forward and have a broader vision. We need to look at the town as a whole, not just how we deal with the Old Town."

For example, she says, on summer days, as tourists enter town, Niagara Stone Road "is dysfunctional. Do we need satellite parking, and if so, where would we put it?"

If there is clarification needed as to the role of the former members, "it's important the lord mayor speak with members directly to clarify."

Collard too said he expects the mayor will be speaking to the members.

The committee has, over 15 years, done some good work and served the town well, but needs to be "reorganized."

"We're trying to find a 2015 and forward solution," he said.

Had members veered off-track from the committee's mandate?

"I can't speak to that," Collard said.

As for their role in the future, he added, "ultimately it will be up to (the lord mayor) who will talk to the committee about that. At some point he will meet with them and I should think a course will be set."

Thomson says there have been some significant advances over the years in the town's parking issues, but all with the help of the committee and public input.

However, there are ongoing issues that remain to be resolved.

Auchterlonie has invited committee volunteers to meet as intended next week, although it will be without town staff and councillors, and Thomson has considered a parking subcommittee of the Chamber of Commerce which could continue to meet while the town committee is under review. She'll wait and see what comes out of the Nov. 17 meeting, but whether as an independent committee or affiliated with the Chamber, members will continue to meet and deal with issues to do with parking, she said.

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Town wants ideas for former lawn bowling site

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It's the second time the Town has asked residents to share their vision for the future of the former lawn bowling property on Regent Street – but this time, Niagara Foundation members are hoping for a better outcome.

It was 2011 when town council agreed to go to the community to see how the property, about the size of a square block on Regent as the corner of Johnson Street, could be developed.

But at that time, there was an understanding that the sale of the property would help fund the new community centre, once the lawn bowling club moved to the new site.

The Niagara Foundation got involved, stressing the historic significance of the property and urging the town to keep it as green space for public use, possibly as a peace garden.

When it appeared the town was going in a different direction, foundation members got further involved, and offered to buy it, said Howe, to keep it in the public domain.

They were turned down - their offer wasn't high enough to take the for sale sign off the property, which was rezoned for residential lots - but they didn't stop fighting to keep the issue in the eye of the public and to protect the property from development.

During the 2014 municipal election campaign, it became clear most residents were onside, and all candidates agreed the for sale sign should come down, as it did early in 2015.

In the meantime, the property been cleaned up and the building on it has been removed, and the town is once again asking residents to share their ideas on the future use of this site.

The deadline for that has been set for Nov. 20, and following that the town will ask for expressions of interest to identify a vision and possible uses, calling for bids at that point, said Coun. Betty Disero, who made the motion to go to the public for ideas.

Disero, part of the town's Communities in Bloom committee, hopes a decision can be made sooner rather than later - it was a goal of the committee to see a decision made and acted upon before the national level of the competition, but since that has been moved up a year, she's hoping that at least some landscaping to beautify the block can take place.

Foundation members hope to have a voice at the table as the criteria for future uses are finalized, Howe said, and to be part of the process when a decision is being made.

Their one concern is that the process "should not be driven by commercial considerations," as it was the first time, he said.

"In other words, we're hoping they won't decide to use it as a parking lot just because a parking lot will make the most money," said Howe.

"We're pleased with council's position so far, and satisfied to be part of the process, without driving the process."

The foundation, a voluntary charitable organization which promotes the history, traditions and culture of the Niagara area and has saved several other significant local properties from development, deserves to have a voice in the future of the property since it was instrumental in ensuring the property stay in public hands, he says.

The review of the property, according to the motion that passed, should include conditions that include the final use be financially self-sufficient, that broad public use of the site is encouraged, and the sale of the land is not an option.

Submissions will be accepted by the town, by mail and email, until 4:30 p.m. Nov. 20.

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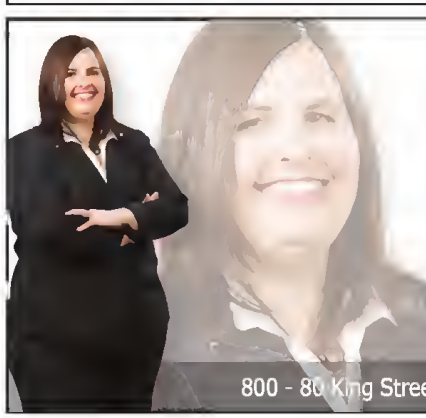

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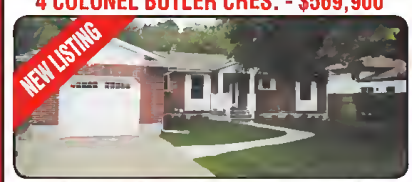

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Point of View

Volunteers on town committee deserve honesty

Is it much ado about nothing?

E-mails were flying, phones ringing and business people talking as the town councillors decided last week, after an in camera discussion, to put the 15-yer-old parking committee "on hold," while staff have a fresh look "on a new committee."

Does that mean staff will have a fresh look at a new committee? Have the former committee members, some long-serving, been dismissed?

It would seem so.

In the middle of the confusion, with volunteer committee members saying they felt they had been given the boot, unceremoniously, as announced during the livestream of last Monday's council meeting with no advance warning, Lord Mayor Pat Darte said no, not necessarily, that's not what that meant.

He should know, since the letter that went to the committee members later in the week had his signature on it - but still, confusion remained.

He seemed to think it was no big deal - when the committee review is complete, and assuming there is another parking committee, they may serve on it, or they may not.

But parking revenue is a big deal in Niagara-on-the-Lake. In 2016, the Town is expected to bring in $737,000 in parking revenue. It costs about $26.8 million to run the town, and that parking revenue represents the amount the taxpayers are saved.

We can expect to have in the neighbourhood of 2.4 million tourists visit next year, and most will arrive in cars. If they are going to shop, see a play, and eat at a local restaurant, their cars will need to be parked. And in the last 15 years or so, parking in NOTL has been fraught with trouble. There have been some advances made, but there are still many issues to be resolved. Just ask a visitor who arrives in town at 1 p.m. to see a 2 p.m. Shaw matinee.

Those who agreed to serve on the committee have been treated shabbily for their efforts to help resolve long-standing problems. They should have been brought into the conversation about the future of the committee before a decision was made - and made public. But since it's too late for that, at the very least, they are entitled to a clear and honest answer about why staff needs to have a "fresh look on a new committee" - and what that even means.

Supporting volunteer firefighters

Virgil Business Association members wanted to show support for Niagara-on-the-Lake volunteer firefighters, and let them know they are appreciated. At a recent VBA meeting, representatives from each of the five fire stations in NOTL were presented with a cheque for $1,000 to be spent on whatever upgrade each station association chooses.

Gates says he's witnessing 'worst decision in Ontario's history'

Wayne Gates
Queen's Park

I believe that over the last few months we've been witnessing one of the worst political decisions in Ontario's history.

When I use this phrase, I'm reminded of the sell-off of the 407 or the gradual privatization of our healthcare services – but in this case I'm referring to the sale of our public hydro assets.

The Financial Accountability Officer further solidified this notion when their office released a statement saying that the fire sale of Hydro One shares may provide short term budget increases but will make Ontario's financial situation far worse in the long run. While we have many people opposed to the sale of Hydro One in Ontario today (polls show around 83 percent of Ontarians are opposed to the sale), I think we're going to see even more anger towards this move in the upcoming years.

Our healthcare, our education, our public transportation – these are all things paid for by the $750 million profit per year that our public hydro system generates for the people of this province.

Yearly profit that we will never get again once the sale is completed. According to the premier, the profits of this sale of our assets is supposed to be used to fund 3 percent of the Liberal government's expensive infrastructure plan but what happens to our public services once the money is gone?

One hundred and eighty municipalities (including Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and Fort Erie) have voted against this sell-off. Middle-class Ontarians don't want it because they know there will be rate increases.

Tourism and manufacturers know there will be job losses as their hydro costs continue to increase. Seniors are being forced to choose between buying food and paying their bills. Frankly, you'd be hard pressed to find anyone outside of the premier, her wealthy friends, and the unelected Ed Clarke who actually support this sell-off.

I truly believe that in the next few years when we're facing cuts to our public services because of the loss of the revenue we gained annually from Hydro One, we will look back at this time and say that Premier Kathleen Wynne's sale of our public hydro assets was one of, if not the worst political decision in this province's long history.

Wayne Gates in the MPP for Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and Fort Erie.

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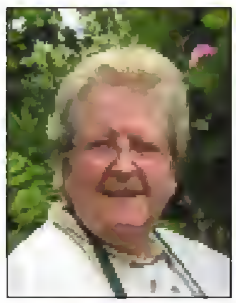
Opinion

Trees in their fall glory, while wisteria shows young shoots



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

We are very fortunate to live here, in comparison to so many parts of the world - with our changing seasons, I have a favourite spot where I can sit and look out both back and front windows and see the remnants of summer as well as fall foliage.

It actually seems quite strange - at the front the maples are glowing in gold, yet the back porch is now covered in bright green as the wisteria holds on a bit longer.

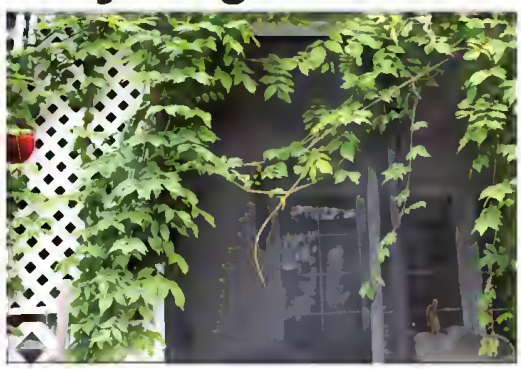
It seems it's trying to convince the young shoots that although it may be sunny, it isn't warm.

The sales catalogues are out but getting enthusiastic about snow shovels has never been my thing.

So last chance - get these bulbs in. This window of warm weather may not last long so take full advantage of it.

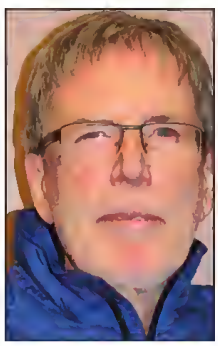
Also it's time to cover the pansies with straw, if you haven't already. When you uncover them in the spring, you might just see some blooms.

Happy gardening.



Jean Cochrane's wisteria shows young shoots where it frames her back porch.

Revolution in evolution: new technology can edit genome



Dr. Bill Brown
From the Health Desk

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It's the most revolutionary technology to hit biology, never mind genetics, since Watson and Crick gave us the iconic double-helix for DNA in 1953.

Why the excitement? CRISPR allows scientists a relatively cheap, rapid and highly accurate means for editing the genome – by snipping out pieces of DNA and replacing them with pieces we like.

But there's a dark side. The same technology can act like the Trojan horse of antiquity, in this case to alter the genomes of everything from bugs, to plants and animals in potentially dangerous ways, with unintended or perhaps intended consequences.

First let's begin with the pluses. Genetically transmitted diseases, especially those dictated by mutant forms of a single gene or at least one copy of a gene, as in Huntington's chorea, are ideal targets for CRISPR gene editing. And indeed that's precisely what's been done recently to cure mice genetically engineered to express Huntington's chorea.

Detected in utero, the technique offers the potential for fixing genetic diseases before they get traction

Or what about using CRISPR to modify disease-carrying mosquitoes, such as those which carry malaria? It's hard to argue with these uses.

And of course there's the possibility of genetically modifying crops and wild invasive plants, as a means of controlling them.

What's the downside? CRISPR offers nothing less than the potential for upending evolution. Normally evolution acts relatively slowly in response to environmental changes and opportunities created by random mutations. That's how we got here over the six to seven million years since the lines leading to the apes on one hand and modern humans on the other. True, natural selection can be much nimbler as we've seen with the rapid development of resistance to antibiotics by bacteria, but for the most part natural selection is a chancy and relatively slow affair. Now with CRISPR, it's within our hands to change the genomes of countless species, including our own.

To the extent that certain human traits can be pinpointed genetically, there's the possibility, even certainty, that within this century, genetically modified human embryos, for certain characteristics such as height, appearance, resistance to certain diseases and desirable cognitive functions, will happen.

Do we really doubt that those with access to such powerful technologies won't use them to their own advantage for their own children? We would have to be very naive to think so.

There are other risks. Genes can jump species given the right conditions and that means fixing some species with the unintended consequence of loosing those genes on other species and the environments in which they live, again without our intention.

These days the world of CRISPR is like the wild west without any sheriffs to police the town. Anyone is free to do pretty much what they want to do with the genomes of viruses, bacteria, fungi, and of course the human genome.

The technology doesn't require large expensive labs, just a few savvy biologists and a few relatively cheap and readily available tools, which anyone can source on the internet.

Just google it.

Dr. Bill Brown was head of neurology at the University Hospital in London before moving to Tufts University and the New England Medical Centre in Boston, MA. He now teaches part-time at McMaster University where he is a professor of medicine in neurology, directs a Multiple Sclerosis clinic in Thunder Bay and organizes the monthly InfoHealth sessions at the NOTL Public Library.

Remembrance Day most important lesson of the year, teacher says

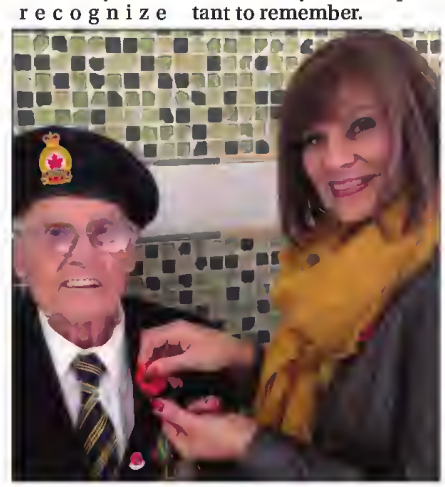
Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

This year marked the 10th annual Remembrance Day ceremony for Virgil students, attended by local veterans.

It began at the old Virgil school, when French teacher Michele Zoccoli arrived.

There had always been an assembly to recognize Remembrance Day, but she took it further.

Zoccoli, who learned the extent of the Canadian involvement in the Second World War while taking one of her university years in Germany, is passionate about teaching the students about war, its impact on veterans and why it's so important to remember.



French teacher Michele Zoccoli helps veteran Jack Hunter with his poppy at Crossroads Public School, where a Remembrance Day ceremony is held every year.

She took part in a trip to the Buchenwald concentration camp, now operated as a museum, when she was 21, and was so disturbed by the horrors of what had happened, "I fell to the ground sobbing, and I wasn't the only one," she said.

The group she was with had crossed the Berlin Wall to get there.

She knew the history of the atrocities that had occurred, but wasn't prepared for how she would feel seeing it first-hand, she said, or seeing a Canadian flag and learning that Canadian prisoners of war had been held there.

"That made me understand the extent of the sacrifice of our veterans, and why Remembrance Day is so important. It was very emotional, and made such an impact, I'll never forget. To me, this has to be the biggest lesson of the year."

A small cenotaph is erected each year, now at Crossroads Public School, for the service and students lay wreaths they made in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Day, says Zocolli.

They also present tableaus, readings and lots of music.

When veteran and Virgil Public School graduate Herold Clement heard about her plans that first year, he turned up with a list of Second World War veterans from Virgil, who had been classmates together at the school.

A core group of six came to that first service, and over the years, there have been maybe a dozen veterans that have attended.

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Veterans help teach students about integrity, courage, perseverance

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All but two are gone - one moved away, the rest, including Clement, have died in the intervening years, she said.

Jack Hunter is one of the surviving six from Virgil, and still lives not far from the school.

Now 92, he's become a dear friend to Zocolli, and hasn't missed one of her services.

Hunter is a Second World War veteran who served in the South Pacific on the HMCS Prince Robert on the West Coast. In August 1945 he was one of the crew of the Prince Robert who liberated Canadian prisoners of war held in Hong Kong.

He still doesn't talk much about his war years, said Zocolli - much of his role during the war was intended to remain confidential, and he respects that to this day.

He began attending the ceremony in Virgil because of the connection to his childhood, and the importance of teaching children, and when that school closed, he continued on at the new Crossroads school.

"He's pretty quiet about his experiences, but he shares a little about what it was like to be stationed in the Pacific. His stories are very powerful," she says.

The presence of the veterans makes for an emotional and moving service, said Zocolli.

"The veterans have a lot to share and to teach the kids. It makes for a pretty special ceremony."

This year, she decided on the theme of friendship for her part in the service - it was the friendship that developed with Hunter over the years that made her think of it.

"It's our 10th anniversary of being friends," she said.

Zocolli says she can't help but think of what it must have been like for the young men who went to war, and for the parents who didn't know whether their sons would come home.

"It's so important to honour those vets, those who didn't return and the surviving ones," she said. "We also talk about those who serve today, and when we can, we like to have one come to our service. The students see that they look different, and have different stories to tell, and that helps them learn about what is going on the world today," said Zocolli.

"And every Remembrance Day, they hear about virtues such as integrity, optimism, courage, perseverance - all those characters we try to teach them at school, and that are so important in our community."

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Bill George, chair of the Grape Growers of Ontario, and CEO Debbie Zimmerman, announced Friday that Between the Lines Winery has been chosen for its 2013 Pinot Noir, and Southbrook Vineyards for its 2014 Connect Organic White.

Ontario MPPs attended the 37th annual legislative wine tasting, where local wines were showcased "to reflect the connection between 100 percent Ontario grown grapes and the winemakers who craft them," said Zimmerman.

Brothers Greg and Yannick Wertsch of Between the Lines said they are proud of their roots as grape growers, and their success as winemakers.

"We are truly humbled by this distinction and we wish to thank the Grape Growers of Ontario as well as the Ontario government for this opportunity," Greg said at the wine tasting event in Toronto.

Paul DeCampo, director of marketing and sales at Southbrook, also attended, and thanked "the community of Niagara organic grape growers, with whom we collaborate to create this wine," on behalf of the Redelmeier family and winemker Ann Sperling.

"Connect Organic White is Southbrook's initiative to create a market opportunity for Ontario growers who would like to manage their vineyards to the highest environmental standards, and we are proud to share it," said DeCampo.

MPPs gathered to select the official red and white VQA wines to be served at legislative functions throughout 2016. Participants tasted and marked their preferences on a voting ballot to determine which wines would be selected from five Ontario wineries.

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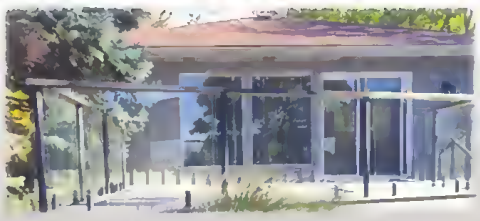

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Gord May, Daryl Fry and Kevan O'Connor welcome back golfer Al Derbyshire (right) to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Course, after he was prevented from playing for a while due to an injury from a fall. But Derbyshire, 95, was back on the course as soon as he was able, finishing out the season of league play.

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Derbyshire still golfing, volunteering at 95

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When Al Derbyshire celebrated his 95th birthday in August, he was having a little trouble getting around, but hoping to get back on the golf course soon.

The game has been an important part of his life since he was a young lad growing up in a town without much else to do.

After he returned from the war - he was in the military for six years - he met his wife-to-be at the NOTL Golf Club.

They married in 1948, and in 1952, built a house about a block away from the golf club, where they both played often, although not together.

This summer, Derbyshire fell and bruised his back. He was having a bit of trouble getting around, and anxoius to get back on the course, but is now better than ever. He finished the season with the men's league and is still golfing occasionally.

He volunteered for to campaign for Heart and Stroke right up until last winter, canvassing his neighbourhood, "but it was a rough winter.

"If I can, I'll do it again this year," he said.

He also likes to work in their garden, and was anxious to get back to that as well - he said it became "a shambles" when he was injured.

"I usually just work a little, sit down for a little, then do a little more work," he says.

Derbyshire says life is "different" at his age. He has trouble putting it into words, but he says it's good, just different - "makes you look at life differently."

Looking back, he says he wishes he had played more golf with his son Mark, he says - they both love the sport and are good at it, but they had friends they each played with.

"And he was better than me. He won the club championship 32 times. I only won it 17 times."

He plays now mostly with Kevan O'Connor, who is part of the same men's league, and they joke about who wins more.

"I think he beats me more often than I beat him. He says not, but I'm pretty sure he does."

O'Connor, who was glad to welcome Derbyshire back on the course once he was able, said that sounds about right.

They walked the course twice a week right up until last year, Derbyshire said - this year, they've been using a cart for the first time.

Some of his friends from public school were at the community centre to celebrate his birthday with him this summer, but he also remembered army comrades and golfing buddies who were not.

"The years slide by very quickly and many families have moved into town to make this their retirement home. It has been nice getting to know them," he said.

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Niagara Region is making sure we're prepared for this growth through three projects that will help us plan where and how that growth will occur, and how it will be accommodated.

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The Municipal Comprehensive Review will look at the land we have available across Niagara, and will ensure we have enough to sustain our expected growth to the year 2041. It will also examine how that land is distributed throughout Niagara.

HOW WE FLOW:
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There is an opportunity at any time during this process for interested persons to bring comments and concerns to the attention of the project managers, and to review outstanding issues. If you have any questions or comments or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact us:

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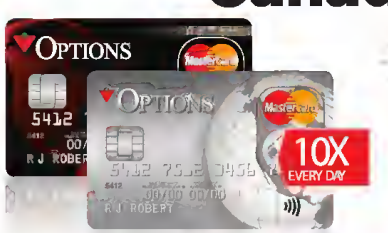

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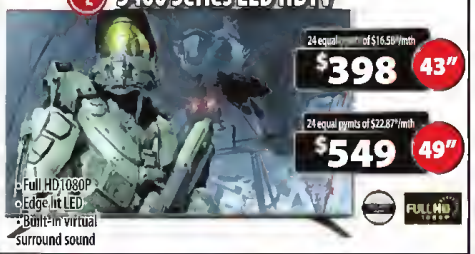

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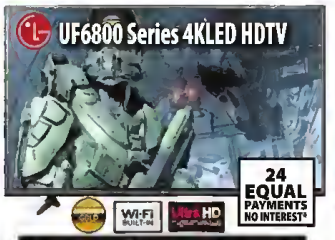

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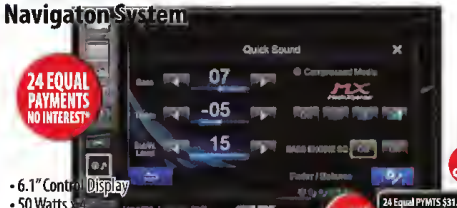

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Jennifer Stevens, Margaret Stimson, Barbara Morrison, Ann Judd, Joan Medina, Nelly Visser and Maggie Hammerling work on a quilt for the NOTL Public Library. Members of the NOTL Needlers not present for the photo are Carole Kanters, Rose Gallo, Ann Lindsay and Sue D'Souza.

Quilt reflects history of library

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Needlers are accustomed to stitching local history.

Last year, it was Roses for Laura - Laura Secord - this year it's a tribute to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library, founded in 1800 and recognized as the first circulating library in Upper Canada.

Usually, the quilts they make are sold as fundraisers - auctioned or raffled for a good cause, usually cancer support.

In recent years, the Needlers have raised about $18,000 for cancer support groups, including Wellspring, says quilter Barbara Morrison.

But the quilt the women are currently stitching is a labour of love that will be given to the library to be hung on a wall once a major renovation is complete.

Quilters admit to being a chatty bunch, and the social element is part of the attraction - they may solve the problems of the world in a morning, as they stitch gathered around their table at the library. As they stitched last week, they chatted about Halloween costumes, grandchildren, the new performing arts centre in St. Catharines, and Gillian's Place, which helps women who are victims of domestic violence.

Before the pieces of the quilt were designed, they studied the history of the library to see what was important and what they wanted to include.

They learned about Robert Addison, the first minister of St. Mark's Church, who brought over a large collection of books, and so the top section of the quilt shows a ship coming into Niagara, representing the arrival of that early collection.

They also found an early stamp used at the library, which is represented by one square.

The Court House, where the library was located for many years, and the entrance to the library in the Court House are also depicted.

They have squares showing the interior of the library and several popular books.

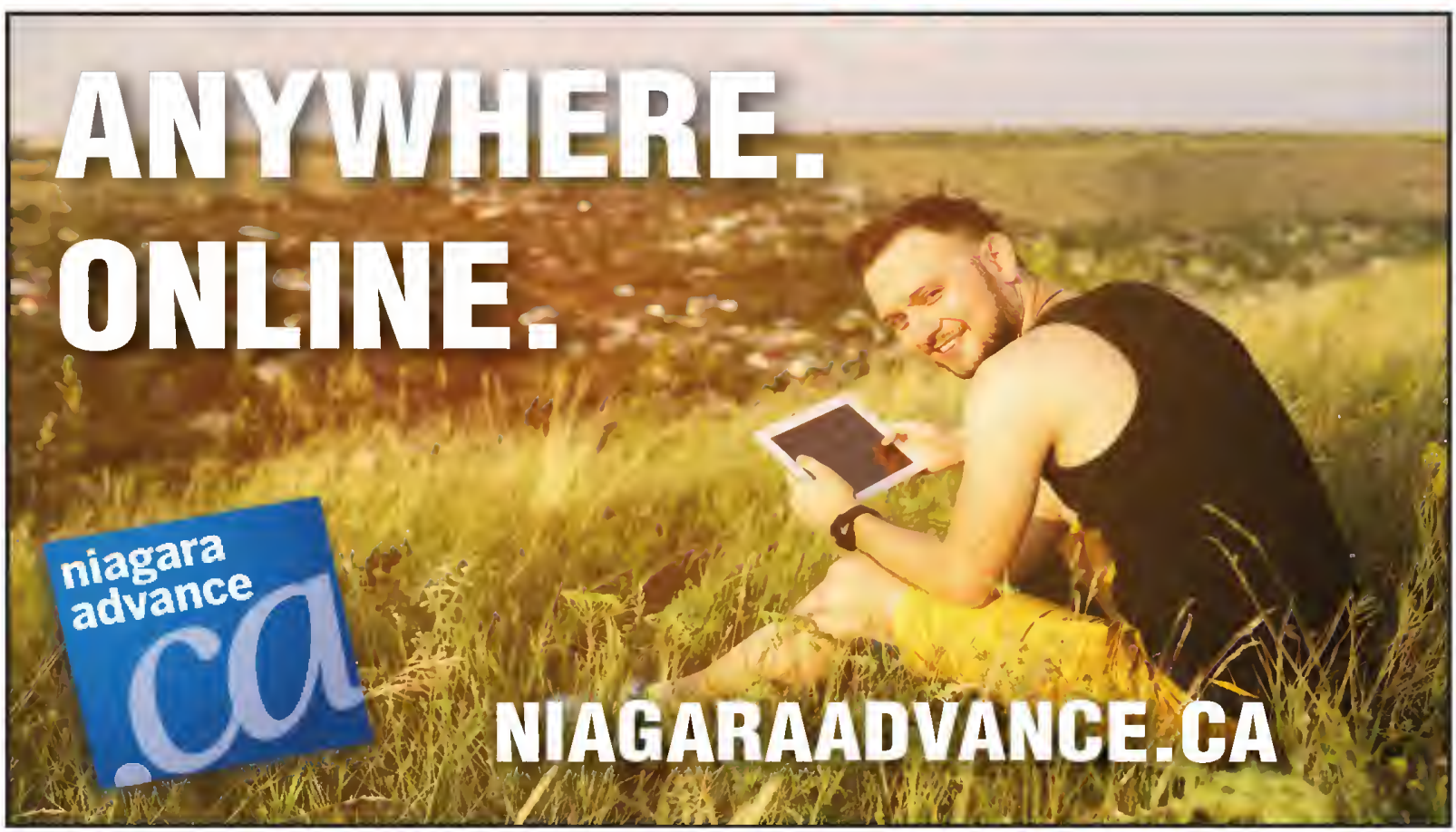
The bottom of the quilt shows the current library building, which opened about 15 years ago.

One of the quilt squares is a portrait of long-time municipal and regional politician Herold Clement, who was instrumental in getting funding for the library and the community centre beside it.

Although his name was often misspelled, with the traditional way - Harold - on many town documents and his 2009 obituary, the quilters were assured Herold was the correct spelling, and have used that in their quilt.

The library quilt should be finished by the end of the month, but the major redesign of the library won't begin until next fall and is expected to be complete in the spring of 2017.

The overhaul, intended to provide more "people space" at the library, will include a new staff area, accessibility upgrades inside the building, including more space between book shelves, a multi-purpose room, a quiet study area, a children's puppet theatre, and electrical and technology upgrades.



Local teen volunteers at children's cancer centre

Randy Klaassen
Special to the Advance

Growing up in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Christina Suarez recognizes and appreciates the opportunities and resources of Canadians.

In 2013, while Christina Suarez was a Grade 10 student at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary, she accompanied her mother to her native home in the mountainous region of Loja, Ecuador.

Christina, who is fluent in Spanish, kept up with her academic studies in Loja by taking online courses, and volunteered as a way of connecting with the community of her family roots, make a difference in the lives of others, and fulfill a high school requirement to complete volunteer hours.

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Le ministère de la Défense nationale (MDN) procède à la remédiation du champ de tir de Niagara-on-the-Lake

Veuillez noter que des entrepreneurs du ministère de la Défense nationale (MDN) procéderont au retrait des munitions explosives non explosées (UXO) durant les mois d'octobre et de novembre 2015 au champ de tir du MDN à Niagara-on-the-Lake, situé au 1848, Lakeshore Road, à Niagara-on-the-Lake (Ontario).

Le MDN entreprend de retirer les UXO du champ de tir de Niagara-on-the-Lake dans l'objectif de remettre la propriété à Parcs Canada en 2017/2018.

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Mothers make sacrifices to pay for medical care for their children

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For a month of 2013, and again in August of this year Christina spent two hours each day visiting children at a cancer hospital, teaching them English.

In 2013 Christina met 12-year-old Fernanda, who was sitting in bed, holding on her lap and petting a brown wig. The chemotherapy for leukemia had made her bald, and left her small body with bruises.

"You could see her body was beaten from cancer" Christina said. "And it was hard to think about bringing her any form of happiness."

Christina offered to teach her English, and over the course of a few weeks Fernanda expanded her limited English, learning numbers, names of house appliances, and various animals.

"We practiced with my flash cards every day. When it was time for me to return to Canada, Fernada's mother cried with appreciation. The second time I was in Ecuador Fernada was not at the hospital, and I was afraid to ask what happened to her."

Jose was being cared for by his single mother when he was diagnosed with leukemia, and there were no social 'safety nets' or healthcare to help her cope with his illness.

"Jose really reminded me of my own younger brother. He had lots of energy, and did a little 'happy dance' when I came into his room," said Christina.

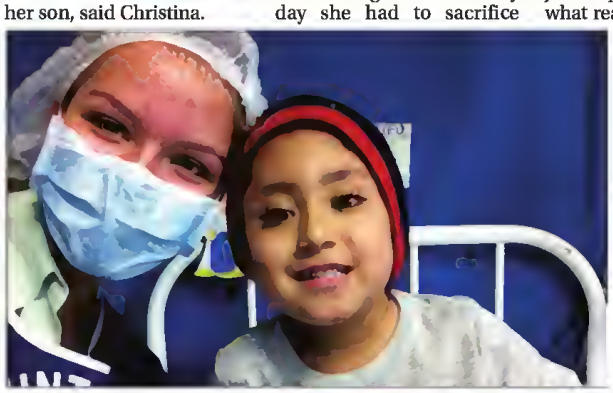
Since Jose was too young to learn much English she spent time with him drawing pictures.

"However, there were days I visited, after he had chemotherapy when he was curled up on his bed, and just whined with pain. It was like his life was just sucked out of him," she said.

"One day while I was with Jose a 'mystery woman' came in asking for his mother. She was not there so this woman handed me a wad of money, and said to me 'for the little one.' 'Who do I say this is from?' I asked. The woman just smiled and left the room. When I gave the money to Jose's mother she was overjoyed because that day she could pay for the medicine Jose needed."

It was incredible to see the love of this mother for her son, said Christina.

"She was so worn out from caring for him. Every day she had to sacrifice something, like not eating, just to pay for his care. But what really made an impact on me was to see how Jose's childhood had been robbed by cancer, and for me to think of how fortunate my brother and I are to live in Canada."



Christina Suarez volunteered at a cancer centre for children in Equador to earn her high school volunteer hours.

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Residents who do not have their leaf and yard waste collected on their regular collection day are asked to leave their materials at the curbside for collection.

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NOTL Family Health Team to host Alzheimer Coffee Break

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Family Health Team now has a memory clinic.

It's fitting, then, with staff involved and one physicians specially trained to offer the program, that the health team support an important fundraiser for Alzheimer's, says executive director Maria Bau-Coote.

"We are trying to get the word out about how important it is to learn about disease, even if you don't have it yourself," said Bau-Coote.

Awareness is very important, as is learning about the things that can be done to try to prevent dementia, she said.

Bau-Coote's mother, who passed away in 2013, suffered from a brain tumour and also had dementia.

"I learned an absolute great deal about dementia, the physiological, as well as most importantly the emotional aspect as well," said Bau-Coote.

"The Alzheimer Society was a huge resource to me, provided with me counselling as well as caregiver training sessions that helped a great deal."

The family health team will be holding an Alzheimer Coffee Break next Wednesday, Nov.16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the lobby of the Niagara Medical Centre on Niagara Stone Road, with coffee, tea and goodies to be provided.

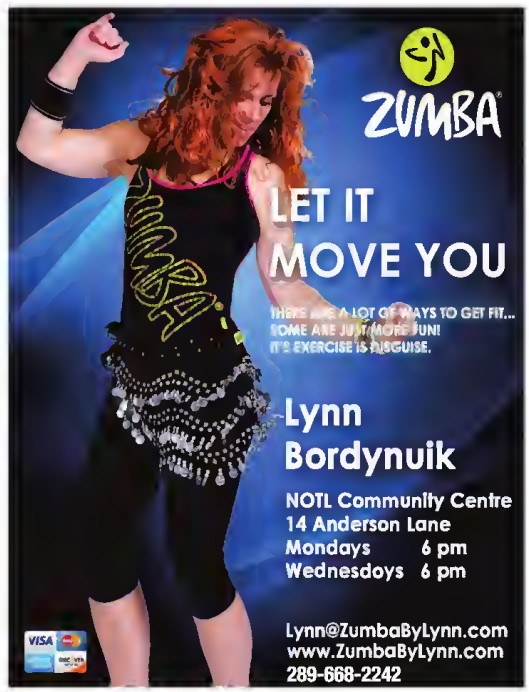
The Niagara 2014 Coffee Break campaign was a huge success - the Alzheimer Society of Niagara surpassed its goal and raised more than $102,886.

Niagara has one of the largest senior populations per capita in Canada. Approximately 8,500 people in Niagara have a dementia. By 2021, it is expected to increase by 61 per cent.

At any given time, the Niagara branch is providing personalized support and education to approximately 750 families in the community and in their home environment.

The society provide education to more than 5,600 individuals annually within the Niagara Region, including people with dementia, their families, and community partners.

All clients have access to home-based services, clinical expertise, and opportunities for socialization and community engagement through the Alzheimer Society of Niagara.



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New study shows impact of foreign farm workers

Don Fraser
Postmedia Network

A seasonal foreign workers program is crucial to a thriving provincial horticultural industry.That's the blunt conclusion in a recently-released study by Guelph-based Agri-food Economic Systems on the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program.

It says that program, which uses seasonal workers from Mexico and the Caribbean, supports an annual $5.4 billion in economic activity and 34,280 full-time jobs in Ontario.

Ken Forth, president of the program administrator Foreign Agricultural Resource Management Services, said the study reaffirms what a similar research project highlighted 15 years ago.

"Those jobs created are happening within agriculture and on the edge of agriculture," he said.

"And it's as a result of these seasonal workers being here."

The SAWP was established in 1966 in response to a serious shortage of available domestic agricultural workers.

It connects Ontario farmers with supplementary seasonal labour from Mexico, Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad/Tobago and eastern Caribbean states.

As a Canadians-first program, that farm labour can be hired from participating countries only if agricultural operators can't find domestic workers to.

About 16,000 overseas workers come to Ontario throughout the year, with many working on Niagara farms, orchards and greenhouses.

In 2015, that amounted to 3,123 of the workers coming to the Niagara horticultural sector through that program.

The SAWP is operated by the federal ministry of human resources in partnership with the ministry of citizenship and immigration. It also involves the governments of the country of origin of the workers to fill vacancies.

The report by Agri-food Economic Systems — an independent economic research organization — says about 1,450 farms in the province benefitted from the program this year, hiring nearly 17,000 seasonal workers.

A report release adds that chronic labour shortages continue to challenge the agricultural sector.

This is due to aging demographics, competition with other sectors and fewer numbers of young people pursuing careers in farming. As a result, demand for workers under SAWP is "projected to remain steady."

Forth said the message needs to be clear that these workers are not taking horticultural jobs that would otherwise go to Canadians. "And we want to show what these jobs actually mean in our economy," he said.

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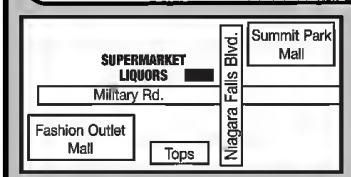

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Offshore farm workers pick ripe peaches at Tregunno Farms in September. Most have already gone home for the season or will be leaving in the next couple of weeks, but their work will have made a huge impact on the agricultural industry in Ontario while here. Bob Tymczyszyn/Postmedia Network

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The Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) will host a public meeting to present the respective Annual Reports on Class 9 pesticide use in 2014 at its following three golf courses:

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Canadian jobs would be lost without foreign farm workers

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"There's no question if there were no seasonal workers of any kind ... the horticultural industry would become a cottage industry," he said. "It wouldn't be any kind of business at all.

"And most of those 34,000 Canadian jobs would be lost, too because we wouldn't need (as many) machine operators or truck drivers and everything else we use to harvest, plant and deliver crops."

Forth said in that scenario, "farms would become very small, with production going to the U.S. and Mexico."

"This is not new stuff," he said. "The program has risen to become a critical mass of people we need in our farms."

"It's a success story for everybody, not to mention the fact we need to produce some of our own food."

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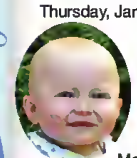
James

Then William Henry and James Edward, sons of Dr.'s Marc and Egle Yarascavitch of Huntsville were born Thursday, January 1, 2015 in Kingston. William arrived first-7 lbs 5oz., then James-5 lbs 15 oz.


William

Lastly, Eric Robert, son of Dr. Carilynne Yarascavitch and Mr. Robert Dimitrieff of Toronto/N-O-T-L was born Monday, November 2, 2015 in Toronto-weight 6 lbs 11oz.

Eric

They are all grandchildren of Dr. Ronald and the late Paula Yarascasvitch of St. Davids who were so happy and excited about becoming grandparents (and several so close together in age!) Sadly Paula did not see three of her adorable grandbabies born but thankfully she had the chance to lovingly cradle Grant in her arms the day before she passed away on Sunday, December 14, 2014.

Many hugs and kisses to all from the aunts and uncles in our family - Sgt. Eric & PC. Terrie Stewart (Huntsville), Cari & Rob, Marc & Egle, Blake & Jeni, Dr.'s Alec Yarascavitch & Jen Meloche (Toronto/Kingston) and from Great Auntie Dot & Great Uncle Rick Edwards and Great Great Tia Rena Edgley all of St. Catharines.

Proud grandparents also are: Tony and Donna Chuback of Winnipeg, Manitoba; Gintaras and Liama Slizauskas of Port Perry; Jean Dimitrieff of Toronto and John and Patricia Dimitrieff of Toronto/N-O-T-L.

I am so grateful, little ones, that you all arrived safely and that I em here with you. You give me great delight and happiness!!

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Niagara College releases first cider with 5.5 per cent alcohol content

Hard cider lovers will want to try a new brew from the Niagara College teaching winery.

Called Cider 101, the 5.5 per cent alcohol drink marks a first from the college's Niagara-on-the-Lake campus.

"It's an important step in diversification of our learning at the Canadian Food and Wine Institute," dean Craig Youdale says in a news release.

"Cider is a product on the rise in Ontario and we wanted to get into that part of the fermenting world."

Cider 101's apple juice was fermented in 2014 and canned this fall.

"It's quite dry, especially compared to a lot of the large-scale commercial ciders on the market, and even relative to most craft ciders that are currently available in Ontario, but also has a creamy mouth-feel derived from seven months of yeast lees contact, which works really well with the bubbles from the carbonation," says college winemaker-teacher Gavin Robertson.

"The aromatics are fresh and fruity, with undertones of cinnamon, clove, vanilla and a bit of roasted hazelnut character."

Cider 101 is sold at the NOTL campus Wine Visitor and Education Centre for $3.50 a can.

Hard cider lovers will want to try a new brew from the Niagara College teaching winery: Cider 101.
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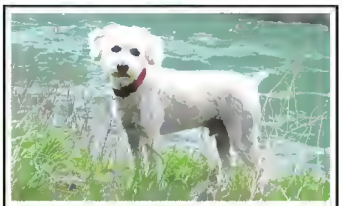

LOST: My 24 lb. cream coloured poodle, "Sammy" disappeared from our back yard Corner of Victoria & Anne Sts., Old Town, NOTL, without his collar. He is badly missed. Please call 289-868-8986 with any info.

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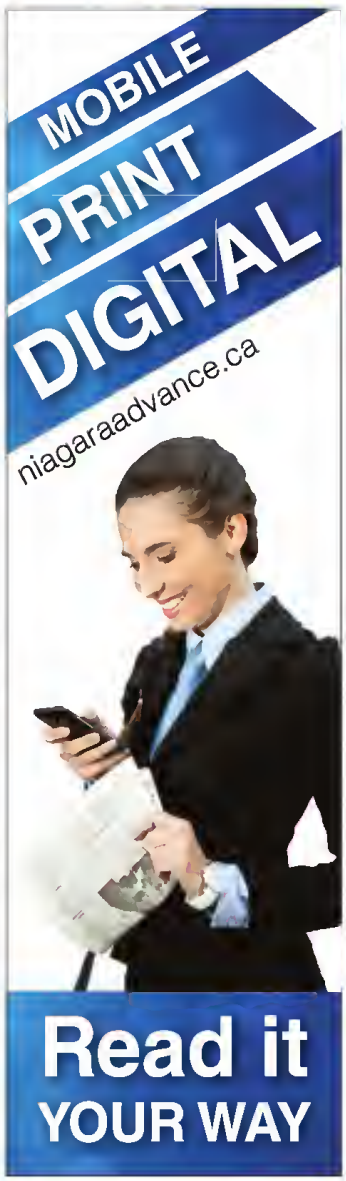

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Obituaries

McLEOD, Valentina - After a short battle with pancreatic cancer that she fought with bravery and dignity, Valentina passed away on November 2, 2015 at the age of 81. Beloved wife of Dennis Bell for 24 years. Cherished mother of Ann Lewis (Duncan), Paul McLeod (Sharon) and Ross McLeod (Christine). Loving "Baba" of Graham, Lerissa, Dylen, Kyle, Trevis, Jake end Beatrice. Dear sister of Walter Mulkewich. Valentina enjoyed her early years on the family farm in the Hamlet of Villa Nova. She went on to graduate from McMaster University then started a new life in Niagara Falls, Ontario and finally moving to Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1979. As a strong community advocate, Valentina was involved with the University Women's Club, Social Planning Council, Brock University Board of Trustees, Board of Governors at Shaw Festival, and many other local arts organizetions. As e business leader, she was the first woman on the Bank of Montreal's Small Business Advisory Board; a founding member of Home Savings and Loan and President of Valmac Holdings Ltd. Valentina will be lovingly remembered for her ability to inspire and care for everyone she touched. A celebration of life will be held at 2 o'clock on Friday November 27, 2015 at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Valentina McLeod Arts and Heritage Community Development Fund for the Old Town of Niagara On The Lake. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at
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VOTH, John L. - At Tabor Manor on Wednesday November 4, 2015, John Voth , aged 90 years. John was predeceased by his wife, Nellie, in 2009. He is survived by his four children Robert & Elvera (Heinrichs) of Windsor, Sharon & Barry Muncey of Gilford, Barbara & John Neufeld of Niagare on the Lake and Judith & Frank Nickel of Campbellville, 12 grandchildren & 14 great grandchildren. The family received friends at the Cornerstone Community Church, 1570 Niagara Stone Rd. (Hwy 55), Niagara-on-the-Lake, on Saturday November 7 from 11:30am to 12:30 with the funeral service starting at 12:30pm. Interment followed at Niagara Lakeshore Cemetery. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Far East Broadcasting. Online condolences at
www.tallmanfuneralhomes.ca

TARNOWSKY, Antonia "Mama" - Passed away peacefully Monday, November 9, 2015, in her 90th year. Beloved wife of Michael (1998). Loving Mother of Peter (Bonnie). Cherished mama to Heether (Shawn), Jen, Christina (Dwayne), Joey and Pam (Tim). Great Grandmother of Emily, Ivy and Tavania. Antonia is predeceased by her son Joseph (Julie) and infant daughter Anna. The family will receive guests at the **GEORGE DARTE FUNERAL CHAPEL**, 585 Carlton St., St. Catharines, on Thursday, November 12, from 3-4 p.m. A Celebration of Antonia's Life will be held in the funeral home chapel following the visitation at 4 p.m. Burial will take place at Niagara Lakeshore Cemetery the following day. Memorial donations can be mede out to the Loyalist Humane Society. On-Line Guest Book -
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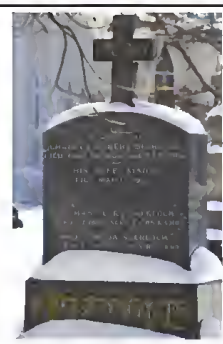

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Coming Events

Christmas in Old Town, Charity Craft & Vendor Show, Sat. Nov. 21st, 10am-5pm, 222 Davy St., NOTL, St. Vincent de Paul hall, 50+ Vendors, Prizes & Raffle Table, Non Perishable/Pet Food Items Collected as admission, Help Replenish our Local Food Bank & Humane Society.

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Sports

Editor Penny Coles
905-468-3283, ext. 103 penny.coles@sunmedia.ca

Meridian Credit Union NOTL branch manager Doug Martin and Ken Janzen, senior director of commercial services (front row), join members of the NOTL Rangers Basketball Association in celebrating Meridian's recent designation as title sponsor of the association. It is the first agreement of its kind for the Rangers. The agreement includes annual financial support, naming rights in the form of the Meridian Niagara Rangers, and a mutual commitment to partnering on other community improvement initiatives.

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Rangers	2	1	2	6	Dave Telford
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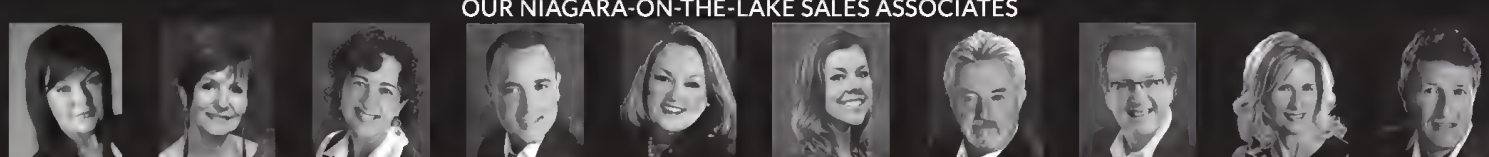

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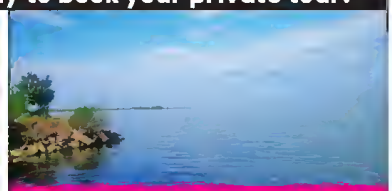

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